

REMARKS:

The only objection to the claims is that they all include the limitation "single pre-formed mat" and the Examiner alleges that this feature is not disclosed in the specification as originally filed.

The Examiner is directed to the following passages in the specification as filed:

a) Page 8, lines 13 to 15

*In one arrangement, the fibers of the intermediate layer form fibers of a **pre-formed mat** which may be of a conventional construction defined by random continuous fibers bonded or needle punched for connection.*

b) Page 9, lines 3 to 5

*It has also been found that surprisingly **a veil** of staple polyester fibers having a weight of as low as 0.1 oz/square foot **can provide the required additional strength** and/or toughness to the product.*

c) Page 10, lines 19 to 21

*The use, in lower strength products such as fenestration products, conventionally of **two outside perimeter mats can be reduced by one mat from two mats to one mat***

d) Page 16, lines 15 to 18

*In view of the fact that the transverse fiber layer 18 is protected within the two layers 16 and 17, it is possible to supply the transverse fiber layer either as a **pre-formed mat***

e) Page 18, lines 1 to 2

*In an alternative arrangement, the intermediate layer is formed simply from a **mat pre-formed using conventional materials**.*

Items a), d) and e) above make fully clear that "the second reinforcing fibers are formed by a **pre-formed mat** of fibers"

Items a), b), c), d) and e) above make fully clear that "the second reinforcing fibers are formed by a **single mat** of fibers".

In particular items d) and e) when referring to the drawings makes clear that the construction has a single (intermediate) layer between two layers of rovings and expressly states that this single layer is a **pre-formed mat**.

It is respectfully submitted therefore that the term concerned has almost exact verbatim expression in the specification and that the specification as a whole makes clear that one objective is to use one layer (rather than two layers) which is surely equivalent to the term "single layer".

It is submitted therefore that the claim is properly supported by the description.

As this is the only objection raised, it is understood that the application will now be in good order for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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